

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for data transmission within a wireless communication system, the method comprising:
 - transmitting data over a wireless data channel at a data rate;
 - determining that no more data need to be transmitted; [[and]]
 - delaying dropping the data channel for a time period, wherein the time period is based on the data rate;
 - establishing a temporary block flow (TBF) to transmit data over the wireless data channel; and
 - delaying termination of the TBF by transmitting dummy data over the wireless data channel.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting data over the wireless data channel comprises transmitting data over a Code Division Multiple Access Supplemental Channel.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the time period is proportional to the data rate.
- 4-6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
 - channel circuitry for transmitting data at a data rate; [[and]]
 - a timer coupled to the channel circuitry, wherein the timer delays deactivation of the channel circuitry after data transmission for a period of time, wherein the period of time is based on the data rate;
 - means for establishing a temporary block flow (TBF) to transmit data over a data channel; and
 - means for delaying termination of the TBF by transmitting dummy data over the data channel.

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8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the period of time is proportional to the data rate.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the channel circuitry comprises CDMA fundamental channel circuitry.
- 10-14. (Cancelled)